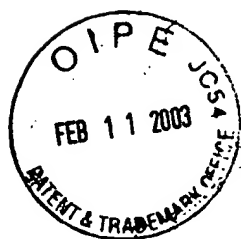


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2002, for which a three month extension of time in which to respond is requested, entry of this amendment is hereby requested.

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FIGURE 3: Amino acid alignment of PROST 03 and DcSUT2, a sucrose/H⁺ symporter.
The PROST 03 sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2) is on the bottom. The predicted transmembrane domains for each sequence are underlined.

FIGURE 4: Polynucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 1) and deduced amino acid (SEQ ID NO: 2) sequences of PROST 03.

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